What is claimed is:

1. A method of driving a plasma display panel having an active area for displaying a picture and a non-display area being adjacent thereto at the upper and lower sides of the active area, wherein at least partial ones of electrodes at the active area and at least partial ones of dummy electrodes positioned within the non-display area are driven with an identical signal.

2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least partial ones of the dummy electrodes at the non-display area and sustain electrodes at the active area are supplied with a direct current voltage during at least partial period of an initialization period for initializing cells and an address period for selecting said cells.

3. The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein an initializing waveform for initializing the entire cells is applied to at least partial ones of the dummy electrodes at the non-display area and the scan electrodes at the active area during the initialization period, and said direct current voltage is applied to at least partial ones of the dummy electrodes at the non-display area and the scan electrodes at the active area during the address period.

4. A driving apparatus for a plasma display panel having an active area for displaying a picture and a non-display area being adjacent thereto at the upper and lower sides of the active area, said apparatus comprising:

a driver for driving at least partial ones of

electrodes at the active area and at least partial ones of dummy electrodes positioned within the non-display area with an identical signal.

5. The driving apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein said driver includes:

a sustain driver for applying a direct current voltage to said at least partial ones of the dummy electrodes at the non-display area and sustain electrodes at the active area during at least partial period of an initialization period for initializing cells and an address period for selecting said cells.

6. The driving apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein said driver includes:

a scan driver for applying an initializing waveform for initializing the entire cells to at least partial ones of the dummy electrodes at the non-display area and the scan electrodes at the active area during the initialization period and for applying said direct current voltage to at least partial ones of the dummy electrodes at the non-display area and the scan electrodes at the active area during the address period.